

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/774,591

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 2/10/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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ANATOLY VORTMAN
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-20 allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The allowability resides in the overall structure of the device as recited in independent apparatus claims 1, 2, 3, 10 and at least in part, because claim 1 recites: "...a computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management ... said processor for management is arranged on the side face of said first disk drive box body so as not to prevent the intervals for ventilation between the plural disk drives within said first disk drive box body; said computer for output is arranged on the side face of said second disk drive box body so as to be pulled out such that no intervals for ventilation between the plural disk drives within said second disk drive box body are prevented...", claim 2, recites: "...a computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management ... said processor for management is arranged on the side face of said first disk drive box body so as not to prevent the intervals for ventilation between the plural disk drives within said first disk drive box body; said computer for output is rotatably arranged on the rear face side of said front door so as not to prevent the intervals for ventilation between said plural disk adapter boards...", claim 3 recites: "...a computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management ... said computer for output is pulled out of said disk array

box body...”, and claim 10 recites: “...computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management ... said computer for output is rotatably arranged on the rear face side of said front door...”.

The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of claims 1, 2, 3, and 10 respectively are believed to render said claims 1, 2, 3, 10 and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over the art of record.

The closest reference to the present invention is believed to be Kimura et al. (PN 5,414,591).

Kimura teaches wherein plural disk drives for storing data are spaced at intervals for ventilation and are arranged in a matrix shape, but did not disclose “a computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management; said processor for management is arranged on the side face of said first disk drive box body so as not to prevent the intervals for ventilation between the plural disk drives within said first disk drive box body; said computer for output is arranged on the side face of said second disk drive box body so as to be pulled out such that no intervals for ventilation between the plural disk drives within said second disk drive box body are prevented” or “a computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management; said processor for management is arranged on the side face of said first disk drive box body so as not to prevent the intervals for ventilation between the plural disk drives within said first disk drive box body; said computer for output is rotatably arranged on the rear face side of said front door so as not to prevent the intervals for ventilation between said plural disk

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adapter boards” or “a computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management; said computer for output is pulled out of said disk array box body” or “computer for output used to output said management information managed by said processor for management; said computer for output is rotatably arranged on the rear face side of said front door”.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Melane et al. (PN 6,129,434) teaching an electronic support enclosure similar to the enclosure of the instant application. Lee et al. (US Pub 2002/0196601) teaching of a disk drive array with a processor for management. Papa (PN 6,175,490), Diebel (PN 6,041,851), Melane (PN 6,039,414), Akiyama (JP 07261874), and Gill (PN 5,388,032) demonstrating alternative disk array designs.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corey M. Broussard whose telephone number is 571 272 2799. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on 571 272 2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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